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Dear Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment, mailed October 18, 2002, has been received for the above-referenced application. However, Applicants submit that a response to the previous Office Action was timely filed, via facsimile, on April 22, 2002. The response was in reply to a communication mailed April 8, 2002, indicating the previous amendment had not been signed. As shown on the attached copy, the fax transmission report indicates that all 6 pages of the fax were successfully transmitted to fax number 703-872-9306.

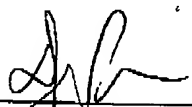
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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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